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LETTER DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following the recent outbreak of violence that occurred in Mostar on 10 February 1997, the Office of the Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina today issued a statement in Sarajevo, a translation of which I enclose as an annex to the present letter.

This agreement among the two Presidents mentioned in the statement represents a positive step. The comprehensive implementation of the Dayton/Paris Agreement in all its aspects, particularly the right of voluntary return of all refugees and displaced persons to their homes of origin as well as freedom of movement, must be rigorously pursued in all areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative
Special Envoy

Annex

Statement issued on 11 February 1997 by the Office of the Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

This evening, the President of the Republic of Croatia, Mr. Franjo Tudjman, placed a telephone call to the Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegovic.

During the discussion, the situation in Mostar was considered following yesterday's incident bearing tragic consequences. The two Presidents agreed that an independent commission of representatives of the International Police Task Force and other factors must determine the causes and responsibility for this incident with its tragic results and that those responsible must face the consequences.

Presidents Tudjman and Izetbegovic decided to invite the people of Mostar to refrain from further conflict. This will help normalize the situation in the city so that the process of the development of the Federation can continue.